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"GO TO PRISON."

JUDGE CENSURES WITNESS
FOR RETICENCE.
ORDER LATER REVOKED.

"Witnesses Must Answer When
Directed."

A witness in the Wing On Bank case was this morning told by His Lordship that he would have to go to prison for a fortnight for withholding information but His Lordship subsequently withdrew the order in view of the witness's compliance.

The witness in question was Tom Lay, a witness called for the prosecution.

He was being cross-examined by Mr. C. G. Alabaster at the time.

Mr. Alabaster: You say you are employed at the Naval Dockyard.

Witness: Yes, I am an apprenticeship fitter.

Mr. Alabaster: What is your number?

Witness: If I disclose that I shall lose my job.

His Lordship: Tell him to answer the question at once.

Witness was still reluctant and His Lordship added: If he doesn't answer me he will go to prison.

On this being explained to witness he answered through the interpreter: If Your Lordship can guarantee that I won't lose my job I will answer.

His Lordship: You will go to prison for a fortnight.

Witness: My number is 2711.

Mr. Alabaster was rising to cross-examine when Mr. Jenkins rose on a point of order and said: I take it that your Lordship's order is suspended.

Mr. Alabaster: I am not concerned.

His Lordship allowed the cross-examination to proceed. "This witness and others seem to think," he said to the interpreter, "that when an order is given by someone else they can withhold information. I want it clearly understood that when I tell a witness to answer he has no right to tell his employer that I told him not to respond."

Witness: I was afraid I might not be taken back to the Naval Yard and would lose my living.

Mr. Alabaster continued his cross-examination. "Have you your pay-card?" he asked witness.

Witness: We don't have pay cards in the Dockyard.

Mr. Alabaster: Have you your number card with you?

Witness: When I go to work, I take it from the gate and when I leave I return it.

"This Nonsense."

His Lordship: Then what is all this nonsense about not telling.

Addressing Inspector Fallon, in charge of the police arrangements, His Lordship asked if someone might be got into touch with to explain the practice and witness's attitude.

Mr. James Colin Owen, foreman of the jury, and assistant in the dock company asked leave to address His Lordship.

Permission having been granted; Mr. Owen bore out witness's statement as to leaving the number card on quitting work. As regarded the reticence about giving the number, there was, he stated, no grounds for it. It seemed just to be the "Chinese idea."

His Lordship: It is a ridiculous one. There seems to be an idea that a witness is entitled to refuse to answer or cut his answer to suit instructions. This time I won't enforce my order but it must be clearly understood that witness's answer at once with no nonsense about being forbidden to give information. If necessary I will take very serious steps to make people understand that they are not to answer in this way.

His Lordship asked Mr. Alabaster if the questions were material.

Mr. Alabaster: I did not anticipate for one moment the attitude the witness adopted. I am only seeking to establish his identity.

Witness, at a later stage, when confronted with an employee from the Naval Yard, stated that his Naval Yard number was not in his own name but that of Chan Woon.

Mr. Alabaster asked a series of further questions as to the kind of work on which prisoner was engaged, the men he was working with, etc.

Witness, when asked to describe the submarine he said he was working on, drew a right angle on the witness box and said the figure 2 came after it.

ACCIDENTS.

"COWBOY" TOSSED BY
A BULL.

DETONATOR EXPLOSION.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

A Chinese employee at the Dairy Farm was severely injured when he was attacked and tossed by a bull yesterday while removing the animal from the exercising ground to the shed.

It is stated that the man had a remarkable escape from being killed owing to his neglect to take the usual precaution of having another man assist with a rope behind.

The explosion of a detonator with which he was playing injured a Chinese youth to the extent of blowing off two fingers from his left hand. He was taken to the French Hospital by his father.

It was explained that the detonator was left in the house by a man while on a visit.

Mr. Alabaster: What is your number?

Witness: If I disclose that I shall lose my job.

His Lordship: Tell him to answer the question at once.

Witness was still reluctant and His Lordship added: If he doesn't answer me he will go to prison.

In evidence in chief, examined by Mr. Jenkins, witness had stated that he was employed in a printing business that the second defendant had in Canton and gave evidence with regard to certain chops he (witness) had been concerned in, bringing to defendant from another shop.

To "Burn Chops."

Witness stated that he saw the characters "Hongkong Wing On Co. Ltd." on the chops. He also recognised an exhibit handed to him by Mr. Jenkins as similar to a bundle of such which he had been instructed to take to the second defendant.

Later, he was given the three chops he had taken to the second defendant and he was instructed to burn them.

The chops had been broken up, but he was sure they were the same. He recognised the character "On" on one of them as the same.

Witness was examined at length by Mr. Alabaster as to the nature of his association with the printing shop in Canton, names of alleged employees during the time he stated he was there being put to him.

Witness denied knowledge of the names put to him by Mr. Alabaster. They were not there whilst he was, he stated.

Mr. Alabaster also examined witness as to an alteration in the firm name which he (Mr. Alabaster) put to him had been made during that period but witness stated that there had been no alteration. The location of machinery etc. was also the subject of query and witness responded.

The examination of Chan Sam, who it was intended by the first defendant should handle the claim against the Bank during his (defendant's) absence in Peking was begun this morning and adjourned to this afternoon.

A Previous Rebuke.

His Lordship had occasion yesterday afternoon to rebuke a witness, viz. the chief cashier of the Wing On Bank who admitted that he had not "made himself clear."

He had stated previously that the man who wanted to leave \$1,000 had said he wanted to do so that he could take the book away and change the label.

That was not actually what he meant to say. He supposed that the man wanted to take the book away to change the label, because "I saw the Professor there yesterday with the transmitting light showing how the label had been forged."—(Laughter).

His Lordship: That appears to me to be ludicrous. By his not giving correct answers one has to try and discover what he really means. I cannot say that he is a satisfactory witness by any means.

Before witness left the witness box His Lordship informed him that in future when he gave evidence he would have to answer the questions truthfully and not waver ineffectually in his answers. If he thought more of telling the truth than of pleasing his employers he would make a better witness.

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CANTON AMAZONS.

DEFEND HOMES AGAINST
PIRATES.

RESOLUTE FIGHTERS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakkai, Kongmoon, April 21.

Resolutely defending their homes while their husbands were seeking fortunes in far-off lands, the women of a village in which the sternest six in Macao—a distinct minority—kept over a hundred desperate pirates at bay for the greater part of last night.

The village is that of Sun Chong, on the other side of Kongmoon, and about 500 yards

TO THE POWERS.

CANTON GOVERNMENT'S
MANIFESTO.

PEKING RECOGNITION.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

A manifesto has been issued by the Nationalist Government at Canton to the Foreign Powers, against the recognition (by the Powers) of the Peking Government. Extracts from a published translation are:

"The Peking Government has long ceased to be a Government in fact."

"The so-called government in Peking is now no longer a government even in name."

"Its only pretext for existence is recognition by the Powers. The effect of such recognition has only served to foster internal strife.

"This Government, in accordance with the testament of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, advocates the convocation of the People's Convention in order to settle the internal complications and secure a united government. Looking back, we find that for twenty months during the first and second years of the Republic, there was no government recognised by the Powers, and yet no inconvenience in diplomatic relations was felt."

"We hereby make this solemn appeal: That until the People's Convention is held and a United Government instituted, the Foreign Governments—in order to avoid intervention in our internal affairs, thus prolonging our internal strife—shall refuse recognition of whatever militarists who may happen to occupy Peking."

The manifesto is dated April 24 and appears over the names of Wang Ching-wei, Hu Han-min, Tan Yen-kai, Wu Chao-chu and Koo Ying-fan, as members of the Executive Committee of the Nationalist Government.

MISSING CHILD.

SOLD TO A WOMAN
FOR \$49.

BANISHEE CAUGHT.

Removing a three-year old Chinese girl from her village home in the Shuekwan district, an unemployed Chinese sold her to a boatwoman at Mongkok for \$49.

The man was found guilty by Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning on charges of kidnapping and disobeying an order of banishment.

Accused was sentenced to six months' hard labour and fifteen strokes of the birch on each charge, the sentences to run consecutively.

OPIUM HAUL.

SMUGGLER CAUGHT AT
WHARF.

\$10,000 FINE.

A Chinese passenger from Macao was arrested at the wharf yesterday when a close examination of a wooden box apparently filled with paddy husk revealed a secret compartment in which was found 112 taels of illicit opium valued at \$1,416.

When the man was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning with possession of the drug, he said the box was given to him by a friend at Kongmoon. He was unaware there was opium inside it.

An fine of \$10,000 with the alternative of twelve months' hard labour was imposed.

It is believed that the pirates will launch another attack.

\$1,000,000 Loot.

Losses assessed at over \$1,000,000 were caused by piratical activities at Kwelchow, the furnishing silk town in the Shun-tak district.

About ten days ago pirates plundered the town and the same bands are now launching another attack.

Pitched battles have been fought between the defenders and the pirates.

Village guards mobilised and went out to give battle. They succeeded in repulsing the pirates and inflicting heavy casualties on them.

Ho Tong is only 2 miles from Pakka and the arms distance from Chin-tau-shan.

To cut off possible resistance the combined bands sent a host of armed men to the different parts of the river to prevent the pirates from getting out before they could be taken.

Mr. F. C. Jenkins, speaker with Mr. H. G. Sheldon for the prosecution (both instructed by Mr. Bulmer Johnson, Hastings, Denbigh and Bowley), Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mr. Elsley Leitch (instructed by Mr. Leo Belmont) appeared for the respective prisoners.

PICKETS CAUGHT.

HONGKONG LAUNCH TAKEN
TO MACAO.

TIMELY INTERVENTION.

Four Canton boycott pickets are reported to have been taken into custody at Macao, following the "seizure" of a Hongkong steam-launch.

The s.l. "Wikin," owned by the Wai Kee Co. of Hongkong, was taking a cargo junk towards Macao. It was intercepted by a launch which was alongside with armed men who declared themselves to be boycott pickets.

Under the pickets' orders, the launch and junk were steered towards Chinese waters, adjoining Macao. As the junk was heavily laden, it ran aground. Some of the pickets were left in charge of the junk and the

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1926.

THE CHINA MAIL.

KARAKHAN EXPOSED

PATIENCE OF MUKDEN LOST.

The following Mukden message of April 18, sent by Reuter to Shanghai, amplifies the very brief message sent to Hongkong:

The Government of the Three Eastern Provinces took a drastic step yesterday when, in reply to a communication from the Consul-General of the U.S.S.R., it announced that its patience with Comrade Karakhan had become exhausted and consequently when the Mukden Army entered Fukien he would no longer be regarded as the representative of the Moscow Government.

A Comrade's Faux Pas.

On April 9 Comrade Podolsky, Consul-General ad interim of the U.S.S.R., addressed a letter to Kao Ching-Lo, Chief of the Central Diplomatic Administration of the Three Eastern Provinces, in which he stated that on the 6th of this month Chang Kuo-cheng, Councillor of the Central Diplomatic Administration, declared during a conversation that the Government of the Three Eastern Provinces would repudiate responsibility for the personal security of the Ambassador of the U.S.S.R. in China. Comrade Karakhan, when Peking was occupied by Mukden troops, such a declaration, though made officially, was so exceptional and so contrary to international usages that he, Comrade Podolsky, felt it necessary to call the attention of the Administration thereto. He felt certain—and he hastened to assure Mr. Kuo—that such a statement could not have been uttered without his knowledge as he personally knew the Chief of the Diplomatic Administration as a worthy representative of China's 1,000 year-old culture. Mr. Kuo must regret with him (Comrade Podolsky) that a subordinate could forget in such degree the respect due to a representative of a Government so friendly to the Chinese Republic as that of the U.S.S.R. Comrade Podolsky added that the immense popularity which had been placed upon him by the fact that he had heard such a declaration obliged him to ask for an explanation so that he might report it to his Government.

Patience Exhausted.

The Chief of the Central Diplomatic Administration of the Three Eastern Provinces replied under date April 12 to the Consul-General of the U.S.S.R. He pointed out that on March 24 Consul-General Krakovetsky was informed by the writer on behalf of the Marshal and in the presence of Chang Kuo-cheng, that since the arrival in China of Comrade Karakhan the latter had employed bribery to cause student riots and had assisted Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang with arms in order to create internal strife in China, which actions constituted a misuse of his ambassadorial position, a violation of international usages, and a breach of the Mukden Agreement.

The Mukden Government had been patient, but now their patience was exhausted. Being convinced, however, that Comrade Karakhan's actions were exclusively his own and not those of the Government which he represents, and in view of the consolidation of the friendly relations which exist between the two Governments, the Government of the Three Eastern Provinces officially requested the Consul-General in Mukden to warn in due time his Government of the necessity of replacing Comrade Karakhan by another person. It was also pointed out that according to the declaration made by Marshal Chang Tao-lin on January 28 he no longer recognises Comrade Karakhan as the ambassador of the U.S.S.R. in China, and therefore, as soon as Peking was occupied by the Allied troops Comrade Karakhan would no longer be considered as being entitled to the protection of international law as he had postponed beyond measure his departure from the country.

Moscow Informed.

On April 1 during the audience which was given by the Marshal to Consul-General Comrade Krakovetsky, the Marshal inquired personally if the above mentioned request had been telegraphed to Moscow and the Consul-General replied that he had sent a telegram relating the facts of the situation.

It appears from the above, ton-

DRINK REALITIES.

IRISH COMMISSION AND MORAL EVILS.

What I particularly like in the report (of the intoxicating Liquor Commission of the Irish Free State), is, the statement of principles with which it opens. The realities of the drink question have never that I know of been more temporarily or more succinctly presented. "Temperance legislation," says the Commissioner, "has succeeded in the past only so far as the willingness of the community involved has permitted it to succeed." Then America has not existed and experimented in vain; it has at least taught the world this fundamental lesson. "Moral evils," continues the Report, can most effectively be combated by moral agencies. . . . The community can only interfere with the individual when his conduct interferes unpleasantly with the community. . . . The right to interfere with the drunkard is the right to interfere with a public nuisance, but this right does not entitle the law to prohibit or unduly restrict the satisfaction of a natural and legitimate appetite by reasonable and moderate men who do not abuse their rights. The ideal to be aimed at, therefore, seems to us to be a system of law which will secure good order and remove the abuses connected with the consumption of an article, the use of which may be voluntarily abandoned, but cannot be forcibly suppressed. It is moreover, abundantly clear from all human and legislative experience that there are limits to the compulsory suppression of drinking, and that when carried beyond those limits it defeats its own object by tending to promote more injurious forms of excess as well as an evasion of the law by common consent.

I do not know where you will find the essential and enduring case against Prohibition more effectively or more quietly put than in these words—Sydney Brooks in "Saturday Review."

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Santhin" will leave Amoy for this port to-morrow at p.m. and is due here on April 30 at p.m.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Asia," Capt. L. D. Douglas, R.N.R., Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama at noon on April 30.

The F. & O. s.s. "Khyber" left Singapore for this port on April 26 at 3 p.m. with the outward English Mail, and is due here on May 1 at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" left Yokohama on April 24, and is due at Vancouver on May 5.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on April 17, and is due here on May 5.

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Continues the letter from the Central Diplomatic Administration of the Three Eastern Provinces, that the words of Councillor Chang were merely a repetition of the declaration made previously on March 24 to the Consul-General, but the Secretary to the Consulate-General, M. Podolsky, being ignorant of the facts, was unfortunate in the expressions which he employed in his letter of April 9 and made a wrong accusation against the Councillor of the Diplomatic Administration.

The communication concludes: Having instructed by telegram the Chinese Charge d'Affaires in Moscow to communicate the foregoing to the Soviet Government, we instructed him to add that until the Secretary of the Consulate-General Comrade Podolsky apologises for his action all relations between the Central Diplomatic Administration of the Three Eastern Provinces and Comrade Podolsky will cease. We are communicating this to the Consul-General for information.

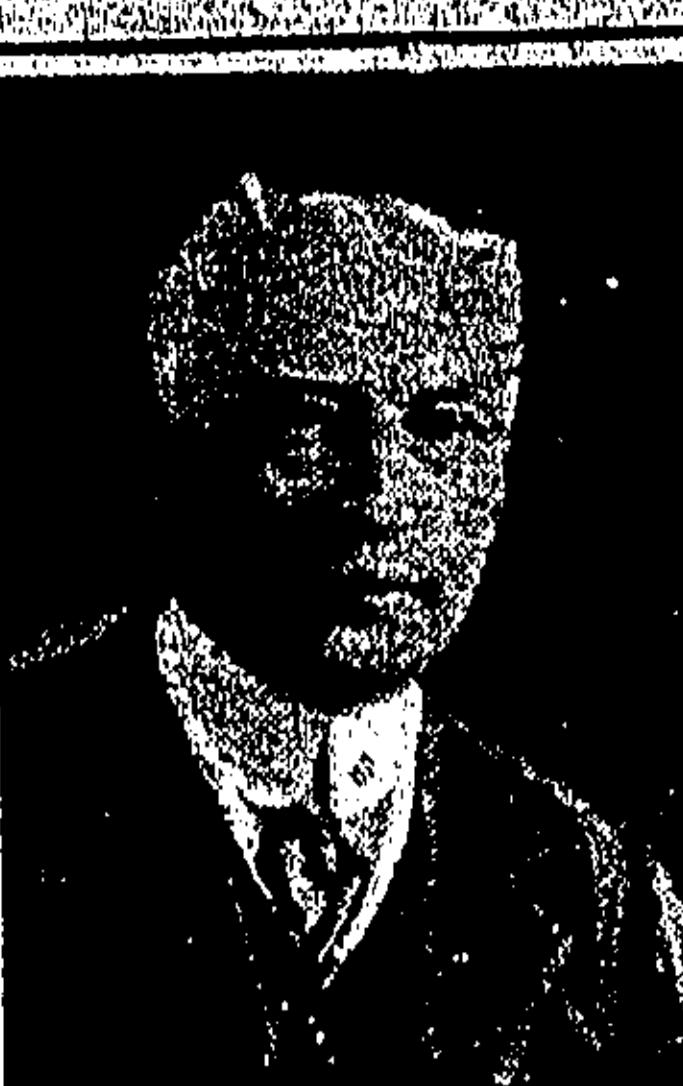
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BLOOD TESTS.

LOCATING CANCER IN EARLY STAGES.

GERMAN SCIENTIST'S CLAIM.

Dr. H. M. Mitchell, senior honorary surgeon of the Liverpool Hospital for Cancer and Skin Diseases, in appealing at the annual meeting of the institution for subscriptions towards the reconstruction of the hospital, said that a leading German scientist, whose name he was not at liberty to disclose, now claimed that by means of a cleverly devised apparatus he could examine a few drops of a patient's blood and detect cancer in its early stages in any organ of the body.

In addition, the scientist could, he said, by examining a patient's blood six months after an operation, tell whether the operation had been successful in removing all traces of cancer from the affected parts. This was a very important advance in medical science, and he believed that we were near the dawn of a great discovery which would bring consolation and comfort to many anxious hearts.

Dr. Mitchell added:—

The discovery was made by a German scientist under whom I have studied. He has been working for some four or five years and has evolved an entirely novel method. His apparatus is quite original and off the lines of any previous research. It consists of instruments for measuring blood re-actions spectroscopically.

Pre-Cancerous Condition.

Ordinary blood, examined in this manner, gives certain bands of colour and this scientist has discovered that in a pre-cancerous condition the blood gives quite different reactions.

I have seen this method demonstrated in Liverpool, quite privately. Not only can the scientist tell the presence of those abnormal conditions which are looked upon as the forerunners of cancer, but he has also demonstrated frequently that he can actually tell the precise organ of the body in which the cancer is located or may develop.

His findings were supported at the demonstrations in Liverpool, and at the demonstrations he has given elsewhere, by the work of the surgeon and the pathologist.

Prevention.

The method is all in keeping with the best tendencies of modern medical research; that is, it is designed to prevent, rather than cure. Its clinical application will undoubtedly be to enable doctors to detect cancerous conditions before they have developed into actual growths, and then other methods of clinical treatment—such, for instance, as the one which is being followed in Liverpool, that of introducing certain colloids of heavy metal in the bloodstream—will be adopted.

Scepticism.

A leading authority on cancer told a "Daily Mail" reporter concerning this claim of the German scientist:

Although it cannot be denied that such a discovery is possible, investigations into the condition of the blood have been made for so many years without success that such a claim must be received with scepticism.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

Last week's return of notifiable diseases comprised:

- Small-pox: 2 cases, 4 deaths all Chinese (1 imported).
- Diphtheria: 1 case, Chinese.
- Enteric fever: 1 case, British (imported).
- Tuberculosis (human): 1 case, 2 deaths all Chinese.
- Plague (animal): 1 case, British.
- Influenza: 102 notifications, 1 death.

Measles: 10 cases, 1 death. Whooping-cough: 1 case, 1 death. Typhoid fever: 1 case, 1 death. Scarlet fever: 1 case, 1 death. Malaria: 1 case, 1 death. Measles: 10 cases, 1 death. Whooping-cough: 1 case, 1 death. Typhoid fever: 1 case, 1 death. Malaria: 1 case, 1 death.

ELECTRIC POWER.

REMARKABLE RESULTS AT BARTON.

It will probably be remembered that the coal consumption at Barton power station per unit generated, as given in the statistical abstract prepared by the Electricity Commissioners for the year ended March 31, 1925, was 1.51 lb., and that this figure was considerably lower than that of any other station in Britain. The corresponding figure for the overall thermal efficiency was 19.85 per cent. Both these figures have now been improved upon, the coal consumption for November having been 1.33 lb. per unit generated and the thermal efficiency, calculated on the units generated, having reached 22.11 for the same month. The station is, of course, a large one, representative of a very high load factor, but even when allowance is made for these fortunate circumstances, it will be admitted by engineers in general, and by power-station engineers in particular, that all concerned with the design, construction, and operation of the station must be congratulated on the results, especially as these have been obtained under ordinary working conditions extending over a considerable period.

The operating costs, as would be expected from the efficiency and coal-consumption figures, are also highly satisfactory, the average cost per unit sent out having amounted to 0.147d. for the last quarter of 1925. This figure is made up of the following items: Coal, including coal handling and ash hauling, 0.111d.; operating labour and supervision, 0.019d.; oil, water and sundries, 0.008d.; and repairs and maintenance, 0.009d. The above, it will be noticed, are works costs, and do not cover interest on capital expenditure or depreciation of plant.

A suitable allowance for these two items would be 0.015d. per unit, bringing the total cost to 0.297d. per unit. It would thus appear that the decision of the Manchester Corporation to construct the Barton power station, in accordance with their policy of ensuring an adequate supply of cheap power to the industries of the city and its environs, has been amply justified, and there can be little doubt that its continued operation will prove to be a by no means negligible factor in maintaining and enhancing the prosperity of the district.—Engineering.

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COUNCIL DISBANDED.

THE QUESTION OF RATES IN HARBIN.

ATTITUDE OF THE CONSULS.

The Harbin correspondent of the "Shanghai Mercury" writes:

"The action of the authorities in disbanding the council and replacing it by a temporary committee has not caused so much excitement in the town as was expected.

The late council's time was up some months ago, and was only in power at the request of the Chinese authorities, who had not yet worked out a new scheme of management. There is no doubt that the action was taken in connection with the general movement against the so-called Red Propaganda in China, the authorites fearing that the next council would be composed of Russians with strong communistic ideas.

The total amount of rates received by the town are £1,500,000 dollars, of which one million is paid by Russians, and half a million by Chinese, the remaining £800,000 being paid by other nationalities. Of this amount £100,000 is Japanese, but only about 25 per cent. of the Japanese amount has been paid, therefore, if the Consuls of other nations told their nationals not to pay rates, the loss would be small; but if town rates are not paid then property cannot be held by the foreigner, and then what is to happen to the huge works of the Produce-Export Company and the large building of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank? These two companies would have to pay the rates even if private people did not, in the same manner as the International Banking Corporation pay for their building, though all other Americans pay nothing, as they did not sign the 1914 agreement.

The whole of the staff of the Municipal Council, both Chinese and Russian continue their work, with strong communistic ideas.

not one having been discharged, and the members of the committee are in their offices all day, the same as the Russian councillors were doing.

The Consuls of the Powers which signed the 1914 agreement paid a visit to the Civil Administrator, General Chang Hwang-hsiang, and the Japanese Consul, Mr. Arnau, as the Doyen of the Corps, asked that the old council members should be reinstated. This request was refused, but the Civil Administrator said he would be pleased to discuss the question of the new council and the formation of same, so that foreigners who pay rates should have some voice in the control of the finances. The Consuls said that they must consider this point, and left the house.

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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore,
Colombo, Durban & Capetown.M.S. LA PLATA MARU ... Friday, 14th May.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.BOENEO MARU ... Tuesday, 4th May.
HEIMEI MARU ... Thursday, 20th May.DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-EL-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR &
MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

CHICAGO MARU ... Wednesday, 12th May.

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KEELUNG & SWATOW & AMOY ... Sunday, 2nd May, noon.

KAJO MARU ... Wednesday, 5th May 10 a.m.

TAKAO & KEELUNG ... Sunday, 23rd May.

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Name.	Stock Exchange	Hongkong Bankers Association	Share & Bond Society
T.T. on London	2/2 1/2	2/2 1/2	2/2 1/2
T.T. on Shanghai	76 1/2	76 1/2	nom.
Hongkong Bank	1100-5 ss	110 ss	\$110. b
do. London	1125 n.	1125 n.	£125 n.
Chartered Bank	220 n.	220 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A & E.	230 1/2 b.	230 n.	—
do. do.	233 1/2 n.	233 1/2 n.	—
P. & G. Bank	264 n.	264 n.	265 n.
Bank of East Asia	306 n.	306 n.	305 b.
Marine Insurance	625 b.	625 b.	\$625 b.
Canton Insurance	1.00 b 1.05 ss	1.00 b.	1.00 b.
China Underwriters	T 140 n.	—	—
North China Insurance	264 b 283 1/2 ss	264 b 283 1/2 ss	225 b.
Union Insurance	39 n.	44 n.	—
Yangtze Insurance	—	—	—
Fire Insurance	170 b.	170 b.	—
China Fire Insurance	550 b.	550 b.	550 b.
H.K. Fire Insurance Shipping	—	—	—
Douglas	28 n.	28 n.	28 s.
Hongkong Steamboats	26 s.	25 1/2 b.	25 1/2 n.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	24 s.	24 b.	24 n.
Indo-Chinas (Pred.)	38 n.	30 n.	37 n.
do. (Def.) Ltd.	40 n.	—	45 n.
Oriental Navigation	250 n.	250 n.	—
Shell Transports	87 b.	87 b.	90 b.
Star Ferries	301 b.	63 n.	50 b.
Water-boats	15 n.	15 n.	15 n.
Refineries	—	—	—
China Sugars	26 n.	27 n.	27 n.
Malabon Sugars	36 n.	35 n.	40 n.
Mining	—	—	—
Benguet	124 b.	—	—
Kallan Mining Ad.	421 b.	426 n.	476 n.
Langkata (Combined)	242 b.	226 1/2 n.	224 n.
do. (Single)	122 b.	11 n.	—
Shanghai Exploration	524 n.	5 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	7 n.	7 n.	—
Rubis	85 n.	84 n.	85 s.
Fronch Mines	65 b.	65 b.	—
Ural Gaspland	81 n.	—	—
Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c.	—	—	—
H.K. & K. Wharves	128 b.	128 b.	\$128 b.
H.K. & W. Docks	60 s.	60 s.	60 b.
Hongkewa	T 165 b.	—	165 b.
New Engineering	5.80	T 5.90 b.	5.74 b.
Shanghai Docks	107 b.	106 b.	107 b.
Lands, Hotels, & Edg.	94 n.	94 b.	94 b.
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	—	—	—
do. (new)	94 n.	94 b.	94 b.
Hongkong Lands	64 1/2 b.	64 b.	63 b.
H.K. Realty	6 n.	6 s.	6 s.
H.K. Territorial	5 n.	5 1/2 b.	6 s.
Humphreys Estates	124 n.	15 1/2 b.	15 b.
Princes Building	100 n.	100 s.	100 b.
Rural Lands	7 n.	—	—
Cotton Mills	—	—	—
Ewo Cottons	10.35 b.	T 10.35 b.	110 1/2 b.
Orientals	3.20 n.	3.20 b.	5.1 b.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	52 b.	51 b.	27 b.
do. (new)	27 b.	—	—
Miscellaneous	—	—	—
Canton Ices	87 1/2 b.	87 b.	87 b.
Cements (comb.)	15 1/2 b.	15 1/2 b.	15 1/2 b.
do. (old)	13 b.	13 1/2 b.	13 1/2 b.
do. (new)	3 n.	2 1/2 b.	3 s.
China Buses	10 1/2 b.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	20 p.	20 n.	20 b.
do. (old)	15 b.	15 n.	15 b.
do. (new)	11 n.	10 n.	10 b.
China Prov. (comb.)	6 b.	6 n.	5 1/2 b.
do. (old)	—	—	—
do. (new)	6 b.	6 n.	5 1/2 b.
Dairy Farms	20 n.	10 1/2 b.	10 1/2 b.
Der A Wing (full pd.)	10 b.	8 b.	—
do. (part pd.)	—	—	—
Hongkong Amusements	11 1/2 n.	11 1/2 b.	—
H.K. Constructions	23 1/2 n.	3 s.	3 1/2 b.
Hongkong Electrica	65 b & ss	65 b.	65 b 65 1/2 ss
H.K. Developments	25 cts n.	25 cts b.	cts 25 ss
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	30 n.	—	30 n.
do. (old)	10 b.	10 1/2 n.	10 n.
do. (new)	5 s.	5 1/2 b.	5 n.
Hongkong Tramways	24.80 b.	24 1/2 b 244 ss	24 1/2 b.
Lane, Crawfords	10 1/2 n.	9 1/2 b.	—
Macao Electrics	40 n.	—	—
Mackintosh	21 1/2 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	13 b.	—
Peak Trams (old)	17 1/2 b.	17 1/2 b.	17 1/2 b.
do. (new)	7 1/2 b.	8 n.	8 s.
Sinceres	11 n.	10 b.	11 s.
Singapore Trams	8 s.	8 b.	2 1/2 b.
Taxis	4 s.	3 b.	—
United Asbestos	20 n.	600 n.	—
do. (Founders)	—	15 b.	12 1/2 b.
Watson (old)	19 b.	13 b.	—
do. (new)	—	9 1/2 n.	10 b.
Wm. Powells	10 n.	—	—
H.K. Telephone	—	—	—

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND
CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following
sea-going arrivals at Hongkong
were reported:

Benreoch (3,702) Br. from

London, Singapore, Gibb, Livingston.

City of Lyons (4,461) Br.

from Bremen, Singapore, Bank

Line.

Langton Hall (4,211) Br. from

Shanghai, Bank Line.

Suzhou (1,983) Br. from

Canton, Singapore, M. & Co.

Team (1,381) Br. from Bangkok.

Kok, P. & S. S. Co.

Shantung (1,368) Br. from

Shanghai, Amoy, B. & S. Co.

Chinkiang (1,334) Br. from

Haiphong, B. & S. Co.

Yinchow (1,283) Br. from

Nanking, Amoy, B. & S. Co.

Kiau-chow (1,260) Br. from

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"PEIRUM"	7,643	20th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	29th May	Marseilles, London
"MIZABORE"	8,715	3rd June	Marseilles, London, R'cham & Antwerp
"KHYBER"	9,114	12th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANJUA"	10,982	23rd June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARMAIA"	8,183	10th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"RANPURU"	16,585	24th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DELTA"	8,087	7th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,087	21st Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,144	4th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	15th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"TALMA"	10,000	18th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"SHIRALA"	10,000	27th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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"SHIRALA"	7,541	4th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka
"TANDA"	8,063	6th May	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"MALWA"	10,941	14th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MANJUA"	10,982	18th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"PADUA"	8,907	30th May	Shanghai and Kobe
"KARMAIA"	9,089	11th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ARAFURA"	8,000	12th June	Shanghai, Moji and Yokohama
"KASHMIR"	8,985	16th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"RANPURU"	16,545	9th July	Shanghai and Kobe
"DELTA"	8,087	9th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MACEDONIA"	11,087	2nd July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,144	6th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	19th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHGAR"	9,005	2nd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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Ph-shien, Miss Chung Shau-kuan,
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chun, Mrs. Au King-wu, and
Master Chung Ching.**ARRIVALS.**List of passengers arrived per
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Chung Kok-loon, Miss Chow Son,
Mr. W. H. Findlay, Dr. Ging Moy,
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hamilton, Mr.
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B. Lee, Mrs. W. E. Morris, Mr. T. C.
Monaghan, Mr. E. H. Morris, Mr.
Geo. P. Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. C. E.
Priest, Father L. Robert, Lt. and
Mrs. F. S. Borden, Miss E. Borden,
Master R. Borden, Mr. and Mrs.
J. B. Emmert, Mr. L. Everett, Mr.
Dick Norton, Capt. O. Pause and
Mr. B. Razon.The school superintendent hap-
pened in on one of the sixth-
grade classes during Constitution
Week. The teacher turned the
recitation immediately to matters
relating to constitutions."James," she said, "who signed
the Magna Charta?"Er—I didn't," replied the boy,
seizing the opportunity to be
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OUR VOLUNTEERS.

It cannot be said that the meeting of British merchants and others to be held to-morrow, on the invitation of His Excellency the Governor, to consider suggestions for increasing the efficiency of the Volunteer Corps, has been "rushed," or that it takes anyone by surprise. It is getting on for three months since His Excellency, at the annual inspection of the Volunteers, more than hinted that he was going to ask for more service from the Volunteers. That is a matter of the deepest concern not alone for the Volunteers themselves but for employers of British labour in this Colony. It cannot be decided upon without most serious consideration. In speaking at the Volunteers' inspection His Excellency stated that the General Officer Commanding, Major-General Liard, considered—and the Governor himself agreed—that the present period of annual training was too short, and he (the Governor) proposed to see whether suitable arrangements could not be made forthwith for prolonging it.

In commenting at the time on His Excellency's remarks in regard to a longer period of training we remarked:

"That may be expected to be the subject of a conference between the authorities and the Chamber of Commerce. There is, and will be for some time, a shortage of staffs in business firms, and it may be argued that a longer period of training not only would be a hardship on firms but at the same time impede the flow of recruits to the Volunteer Corps."

It is gratifying to observe that this aspect has not been overlooked. At to-morrow's meeting it will be proposed that a small Committee of the heads of commercial firms should be formed to discuss with the Volunteer authorities the best methods of combining the maximum efficiency and a minimum interference with business requirements. That is well so far as it goes. That the recommendations and views of the Committee will be accepted will depend on the people whom it will be consulted. But before any scheme for combining the maximum efficiency and a minimum interference with business requirements is adopted, it will be necessary to ascertain what is peculiar to Chinese customs and traditions. This is a point which

never outside there are the noises not to be tolerated. The principal offender at the moment is the motor-car horn "performer" who lacerates nerves, and frightens the life out of peaceful pedestrians whose only fault is that they do not possess motor cars. Seemingly, the creation of unnecessary noise is an offence in law. It is an offence against good taste; but the law says, in effect, and in the words of the verger to the deaf old lady in Church with an ear trumpet, "One toot and your oct!" Ten dollars for "continually sounding a warning device" in Chater Road is sufficient penalty to warn others to desist from a practice which cannot be justified on the grounds of an intense love of music and is only making of the place a little hell-hole. Of the sounding of motor horns generally, there is probably two sides to the question. The driver has a responsible job. His, not merely to drive a car, but to see that no one is driven into it. It used to be said that a bicycle rider rang his bell to let you know he was coming. You simply continued on your way. A motor car driver "toots" to let you know he is coming, but, seemingly, to warn you to get out of the way. The rule of the road seems to be that all swift moving vehicles have prior claims: the pedestrian has none. If this is true, it should be made widely known, if only to prevent the noise of sounding motor horns.

Letters of administration have been granted in respect of the estate of a former Head of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., to the Hon. Mr. G. M. Bernard, the appointed attorney.

The estate is that of the late Mr. John Bell Irving, of Milbank, Lockerbie, Dumfries, Scotland, and formerly of Hongkong, where he was a member of the Legislative Council; and who died at his home in Scotland on July 13, 1925, at the age of 79 years. He left a property in the Colony to the value of \$1,713,300.

The will is dated 14th of December, 1921. He left legacies to his widow, Mrs. Isabella Thornton Bell Irving, his son, Mr. John Bell Irving, and his daughter, Miss Bella Bell Irving.

Together with his widow, he appointed as executors his brothers

Mr. David Jardine Bell Irving, Whitehill, Dumfries; Col. Andrew Bell Irving, D.S.O., Fall Mall, London; and James Jardine Bell Irving, Makerstoun, Kelso.

He left his son, besides much property, the sum of \$10,000 sterling.

He enjoined that after his death all male servants who had been in his employ over five years should be given \$25, and all male servants who had been in his employ for over 10 years, \$50.

Decedent left a large estate in Scotland.

CHARITY BEQUESTS.

The late Mrs. Lee Po-sham, of No. 7, West Terrace, in addition to leaving legacies to members of her family, also made bequests to charity.

She enjoined that \$10,000 should be set aside for building an institution for the educating of orphans, the institution to be known in the name of her late father-in-law, Mr. Yuk Hang, as a memorial of him.

If such a project failed she en-

joined that it should be paid to the

Po Chi Hospital in the Tung Koon District in the province of Kwangtung, and be devoted to the curing of tuberculosis.

She further enjoined that another sum of

\$10,000 should be invested in prop-

erty, and the income arising therefrom should be used for the

upkeep of the same institution and dispensing medicine free of charge.

She also enjoined that \$40,000

should be set aside and be invest-

ed to form a relief fund.

The income derived from the fund should

be devoted to ameliorate distress

in the case of typhoons, famines,

floods, etc.

She trusted that the

fund would be augmented by the

financial aid of other rich people,

"that it may never end."

Mrs. Lee left over a million

dollars.

\$10,000 THEFT.

MERCHANT'S LOSS WHILE ASLEEP.

CHINESE IMPRISONED.

The case against a Chinese who was charged with the theft of \$10,600 from a merchant staying at the Great Eastern Hotel was continued before Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistracy yesterday when the accused alleged that he had been ill-treated by the police.

Evidence showed that the money

was handed over to accused's sister,

who in turn took it to her brother,

in law's house, where it was found

when the police went there.

Witnesses in the case were cross-

examined by Mr. McCallum for the

defence and at the close he sub-

mitted there was no evidence

against the accused and asked for

his discharge.

A statement made by the accused

when he was charged was to the

effect that he went into the room

to wake the complainant. He took

a cigarette from the coat pocket

and finding a purse with money

inside he took it away. He stated

in evidence that he took the money

for safe keeping.

Major Wilson held accused to be

guilty and sentenced him to four

months' hard labour.

Mr. McCallum asked for a case

to be stated on the admissibility

of the evidence, as failing that it

would be necessary to lodge an

appeal. His Worship intimated

that he would reconsider the

matter.

At the end of the day, when

the accused was released, he

left the court in a

desperately bad temper.

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SHEER HUMBUG.

CAUSTIC COMMENT ON BUDGET SPEECH.

PROFLIGATE AND BANKRUPT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 26.

In the House of Commons to-day Opposition Day in connection with the Budget was fully taken advantage of by Mr. P. Snowden in accusing Mr. Winston Churchill of incurring national expenditure by £30,000,000 in 18 months and making an outrageous settlement with Italy simply in order to get £4,000,000 to include



Mr. Winston Churchill.

In the present Budget, The Government was undoubtedly in the grip of the banks and financial houses, whilst Mr. Churchill's statement regarding the silk duties was sheer humbug.

"Sacred Feelings."

The ex-Chancellor (Mr. Phillip Snowden) scathingly criticised the betting tax, which he alleged was an outrage on the most sacred feelings of a vast number of people and would lead to collusion between bookmakers and book-



Mr. Philip Snowden.

makers. He recalled that he described last year's Budget as the "rich man's Budget." This year it was the Budget of the profligate and bankrupt." (Loud Labour cheers).

Mild Liberal.

Sir J. Simon (Liberal, Spenn Valley) was milder in his criticism. He thought that betting could be regarded as an imprudent form of excitement which caused havoc to homes when indulged in excessively. Moreover, the tax would encourage illegal forms of betting:



Sir J. Simon.

Sir J. Simon warmly repudiated the Chancellor's competence regarding 10 years' guarantee of Imperial Preference.

Conservatives Divided.

London, April 27.

The betting tax promises to be the controversial feature of the Budget. It is opposed by the churches and bookmakers from different angles, whilst the Conservatives are divided—one section opposing the tax on moral grounds and another demanding legalisation against betting.

Prominent racing men and bookmakers at Newmarket are doubtful as regards the yield of the tax and predict that it will be almost unworkable.

The director of a big London firm of commission agents said that the bookmaker cannot afford to pay the tax, which would mean that the betting public are losing three times as much as at present estimated. The bookmakers will have to increase their staff by 50 per cent.

Not Worth Collection.

Lord Londale expressed the opinion that the scheme cannot satisfactorily be completed unless



Lord Londale.

It included street betting and football betting. The Chancellor would soon realise that the revenue was not worth the cost of collection.

SOVIET SLIMNESS.

LIFT IN GERMANY'S BAGGAGE.

EFFECTS OF NEW TREATY.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 27.

The general impression of the German-Soviet Treaty in official circles in London is that many phrases are vague, indefinite, and capable of another interpretation. There does not appear at first sight to be anything objectionable.

German Press Views.

Berlin, April 27.

The newspapers agree that the Treaty does not create a new situation and that the general lines of German foreign policy are unchanged, which fact is regretted by some of the more violent Nationalist journals.

Joins The League.

Paris, April 27.

The "Homme Libre" argues that the Soviet will thus enter the League in Germany's baggage, as once Germany is a member of the League she will be unable to associate herself with any League decision without being sure of agreeing with Moscow.

The paper concludes that the Soviet thus joins the League without any commitments or responsibilities.

Concern Not Dispelled.

Paris, April 27.

The publication of the text of the Russo-German Treaty has not dispelled the concern in French political circles in regard to its possible "effects on" the fabric of Geneva and Locarno.

An active exchange of views is proceeding between London and Paris, but it is premature to talk of representations being made to Berlin.

Cute!

The "Tempo" says that Germany wants to reserve the option to choose between the Western Powers and Soviet Russia when the fateful hour strikes, but it is hardly conceivable that such an attitude can be compatible with Germany's unconditional entry to the League of Nations.

U.S. INDUSTRIES.

PRODUCTION GREATEST FOR OVER A YEAR.

ACTIVITY IN MILLS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, April 27.

The Federal Reserve Board's monthly index of production in the basic industries shows that the increases in March reached the highest level for more than a year. The increases were marked in steel ingots, pig iron, anthracite coal, copper, and newsprint.

There was also great activity in textile mills, and the output of motor cars was the largest since October.

BELOW A MILLION.

BRITAIN'S IDLE LIST CREATES A RECORD.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 27.

The total of unemployed persons on Monday last recorded in the Labour Exchanges of Great Britain was 397,000.

This is the first time for several years that the figures have dropped below a million.

FRENCH BUDGET.

ADOPTED AT LAST BY THE SENATE.

CRISIS OVER?

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 27.

Except for one or two minor modifications which call for adjustment between the two Houses, the Senate adopted the whole Budget by 274 votes to 7.

The Bookmakers' and Backers' Race-course Protection Association are considering the convening of protest meetings.

"Of Course!"

Miss Ethel Wilkinson (Labour M.P. for East Middlesbrough) said that the women of the country would strongly oppose a retrograde moralism.

The Rev. Henry Carter said that the tax would be fought most determinedly by the West Lancashire Methodists.

The United Council of Christian Churches met to discuss the administration of protest.

WAR DEBTS.

AMERICAN AGREEMENTS APPROVED.

BRITISH ASSURANCES.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, April 27.

Nineteen minutes' debate sufficed for the Senate to approve of the Latvian debt settlement. The Senate also approved of the debt agreements with Estonia and Roumania.

Senator Reed, the chief spokesman of the Opposition, declared that most probably Latvia would again become a part of Russia long before the 62 years laid down in the settlement had passed.

Senator Reed predicted that Great Britain would make the Italian debt settlement the basis of a demand for a revision of the British debt agreement.

Senator Snoot replied that Great Britain had given assurances that she would not object to any settlement which the United States might make with other nations.

RUSSIAN FLOODS.

SEVERAL VILLAGES UNDER WATER.

EIGHT LIVES LOST.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, April 27.

The Volga and its upper tributaries have overflowed their banks. The River Klamza has flooded the town of Orekovo 45 miles east of Moscow.

Eight persons were drowned.

Eleven bridges were destroyed. Many textile mills are idle.

Loss of life is also reported at Rybinsk where the Volga is 50 feet above its usual level.

Scores of villages are flooded. The inhabitants have taken refuge on the roofs.

Detachments of the Red Army are blowing up ice jams on the rivers in order that the waters can flow to their natural course.

RACIAL FEUDS.

SPORADIC CASES OF ASSAULT IN CALCUTTA.

ONLY TEN MORE KILLED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Calcutta, April 27.

Sporadic cases of assault and street fighting continue.

The known casualties to-day are 10 persons killed and 15 injured.

BULLETS PASS.

AND POOR MUSSOLINI REMAINS!

(Reuter's Service.)

Milan, April 27.

In torrential rain, more than 50,000 Fascists assembled in the Cathedral Square last night to pay homage to Signor Mussolini, who received a most enthusiastic ovation. Mussolini appeared on a balcony surrounded by the local notables.

Referring to the downpour he remarked: "I believe you would stand with the same impassivity under fire," and concluded with "Bullets pass, O Blackshirts, and Mussolini remains." This was received with deafening cheers.

SOVIET FINANCE.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE GREATER.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, April 27.

The Soviet Central Executive Committee concluded the fortnight's session by unanimously adopting a resolution on M. Litvinoff's report fully approving the Government's foreign policy.

They also adopted a law reforming agricultural taxation, and the ratification of the Soviet budget which showed estimated revenue 4,800,000,000 roubles, being an increase of 37,000 compared with the original estimates, and estimated expenditure 3,922,000,000 roubles, being an increase of 20,000.

HOSPITAL SHIP SUNK.

Tokyo, April 27.

An uncompleted hospital ship sank this morning in Tokyo Bay. The hospital ship, which had been built in Germany, had been sunk by a mine.

COAL CRISIS.

PARTIES STILL AT THE TALKING STAGE.

UNFETTERED DISCUSSION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 27.

After several days' intensive conferences, in which the Prime Minister was most active, the mine owners intimated their willingness to participate in an open tri-party meeting at which they would not impose any limitation regarding the scope of the discussion.

Thereafter an hours' meeting of the three parties was held in the House of Commons, and adjourned till to-morrow.

1916 MASSACRE.

AMERICA NOT ENTITLED TO DAMAGES.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Mexico City, April 27.

The neutral Chairman of the American-Mexican Claims Commission has signed and issued their decision to the effect that the United States is not entitled to damages for the massacre of Americans at Santay Safe, Mexico, in 1916.

The American delegate declared the decision was illegal and did not bind the United States.

SALE FORECLOSED.

TROUBLE OF AN AMERICAN RAILWAY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Chicago, April 27.

Judge Wilkerson, of the Federal Court has ordered the foreclosure of the sale of the Chicago-Milwaukee-St. Paul Railway, whose affairs are already in the hands of a receiver.

RESCUE DROWNED.

Tokyo, April 20.

Of 27 fishermen, who attempted to rescue a vessel in distress off Hakodate, Hokkaido, 13 were drowned owing to the capsizing of their junks; whereas the crew on board the wrecked vessel were cast ashore and saved.

"Eastern News Agency."

SINO-AMERICAN PACT NOT TO BE REVISED.

Peking, April 18.

Washington has replied to the Chinese Government, expressing disapproval of the latter's proposal for the revision of the Sino-American Agreement.—"Eastern News Agency."

AIR CRASH.

TWO CHILDREN KILLED IN NAGASAKI.

Nagasaki, April 19.

Owing to a gust of wind an aeroplane landing at Oji in Nara prefecture fell at an altitude of 10 metres, on a number of school children who were watching the landing. Two were killed and several seriously injured. The pilot was not hurt but the machine was badly damaged.—Reuter.

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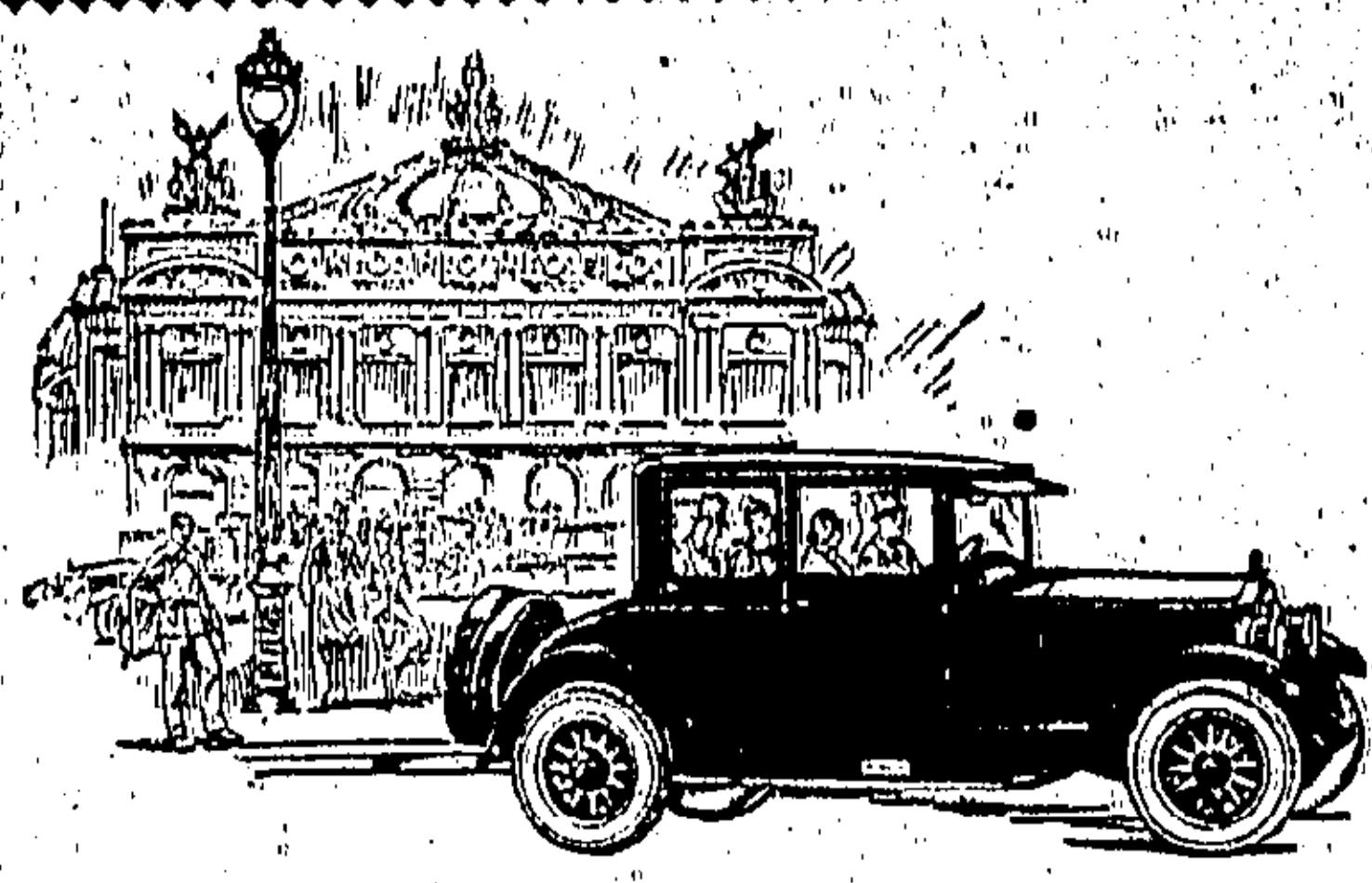
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Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Bennoch" are reminded that goods remaining in the Godowns after May 4 will be subject to rent.

The Cheung Chow Government School will hold its Annual Athletic Sports Meeting on the football ground, Cheung Chow on Saturday next at 13:30 a.m.

The annual general meeting of shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office Ltd will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co. on May 18 at noon.

His Majesty the King has graciously forwarded to the S.P.G. a donation of £25 for the West Australian New Settlements Fund for the provision of spiritual ministrations to the group settlers.

A glowing tribute has been paid to Mr. John McCormack by a prominent resident who heard the singer on Tuesday, says the "N.C. Daily News." He was so impressed that he has now decided to refrain from singing in his bath. The neighbours will be pleased.

A very successful athletic meeting was held on the Kobe Recreation Ground last week. One local record was broken by Mr. Moulton in throwing the cricket ball, which he threw 113 yards 2 ft. 6½ inches, the previous club records being held by Mr. Alan Reid with 103 yd. 7 inches.

The telephone service to Berlin was opened on Monday for the first time, writes the London correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian." I spoke to your Berlin correspondent. It took forty-five minutes to get the call through. Nothing could be clearer than the transmission. It was like speaking to someone over a table. He told me of conversations he had had a few minutes before in Berlin, and I told him what had just been said in diplomatic quarters here. The world seemed much closer with time and space so astonishingly overcome.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. J. E. Anderson leaves by the "Patriotus" on May 5 on holiday.

Mr. J. H. Todd of Melbourne, is conducting evangelistic meetings in Penang and Kuala Lumpur.

A British stoker of the H.M.S. "Iroquois," at Singapore, A. H. Watts has been absent from his ship since the 3rd inst.

The death has taken place at Penang of the Hon. Mr. Yeoh Guan Sook, partner in the legal firm of Messrs. Logan and Ross, and Penang Chinese representative on the Legislative Council of the Colony.

Bao Bai, the young Emperor of Annam, arrived at Marseilles, on March 20, on his way to finish his education in Paris, which was interrupted by his coronation. He is 12 years old, and is accompanied by Prince Vinte-Cam, and by M. Charles, honorary Governor-General of Indo-China.

The Hon. Sylvia Fletcher-Moulton, daughter of the late Lord Moulton, arrived at Yokohama last week on a triv round the world. Her companion is Miss Lesta Ford. Both are well known in society circles in London and New York. The late Lord Moulton was prominent in legal and diplomatic circles.

Mr. Duncan McKenzie, assistant gaoler in the Municipal Gaol in Shanghai is leaving on long leave, and is not expected to return before he has enjoyed "liberty" for at least eight months. He has been in Shanghai for over 20 years in the service of the Council, during which time he has proved himself to be an efficient lawn bowler, the enthusiasts of which game will miss his personality.

The following promotions among members of the Shanghai Municipal Police Force are announced:—Det. Sergt. R. M. Tinkler, promoted to Detective Sub-Inspector Det. Sergts. Robertson and Knight to Detective Sub-Inspectors. Chief Inspector R. C. Aiers promoted to Superintendent of Police. Inspector A. H. Aiers to Chief Inspector. Sub-Inspectors P. W. Bain, W. H. Hoole and W. Shatman to Sub-Inspectors (uniform).

Every woman will soon be wearing rabbit fur. The report on the public fur sales held in London in March has just been issued, and in the list of furs sent to be sold there were 1,128,699 white rabbit skins. Only 26,000 house cat skins were sold during the sale.

An inn, supposed to be the oldest in the Midlands, is to be put up for auction. It is Ye Olde Whittington, near Kinver (Staffs), the holiday resort. The inn dates from early in the sixteenth century, and is where King Charles stayed on his flight from Worcester, and whence he went to Boscobel and hid in the oak tree.

Pulp and paper exported from Canada last year reached a total value of £30,911,000, compared with £27,898,000 in 1924, says the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association. News print, wrapping, paper board, mechanical pulp, sulphite and sulphate all showed appreciable advances, newsprint being up 64,000 tons and double that of eight years ago.

The fact that 15 plays had been banned since the beginning of this year was disclosed by Earl Cromer, Lord Chamberlain, at a luncheon of the Theatrical Managers' Association at Gatti's Restaurant. Whether it was due to advanced views, he said, or whether people were becoming more daring, he did not know, but this year, out of 191 plays already submitted, 15 had been refused licences.

The King has written a letter congratulating the youth of South Africa on "their well-deserved victory" in connection with the Imperial Chinese Shields competition. The South African team, which consisted of 2,008 boys and girls, won the King's trophy with an average of 76,034 points per four out of a possible 100, which is considered a very fine performance. Other placings were: Second, Great Britain (2,012 boys, average 72,286); third, Australia (2,029 boys, 70,486); fourth, New Zealand (2,009 boys, 67,882); fifth, Canada (2,020 boys, 63,804).

In that portion of Ireland which forms the Irish Free State still a part of the United Kingdom? Judge Sir Thomas Grasner decided at Southwark County Court, in a test case, that it is not.

The French and Belgian Governments have decided that Summer Time in their respective countries will come into force on the same day as in England—namely, at 2 a.m. (Greenwich time) on Sunday, April 18.

During February, Dr. Barnardo's Homes admitted 135 boys and girls (101 permanently and 34 temporarily), including 30 from London, one from Scotland, two from Canada and two from Belgium.

The Standard Oil Company tanker "Java Arrow," the crew of which rescued the sailors from the "Daishin Maru," which was swept out to sea from Japan, arrived at Yokohama. The Yokohama branch of the Japanese Seamen's Union made gifts to the officers and crew. The Yokohama Marine Press Association presented Captain Irvin with a basket of flowers.

Dr. J. C. Ferguson, during a lecture at the Royal Asiatic Society, at the Society's rooms, Museum Road, Shanghai, made the interesting suggestion that a commission of Chinese and foreign scholars should be brought together for the purpose of making the early records of China available to the Western world. Dr. Ferguson made this proposal a year ago at a meeting of the Peking Historical Association.

Why do Americans ask the Rev. J. R. Campbell, so commonly persist in speaking of Britons as "Britshers"? The word is an objectionable compound but is coming into such general use that even English travellers occasionally fall into the way of using it as descriptive of themselves; and quite nice educated Americans will now and then accost one with the point-blank question: "Are you a Britisher?" I invariably answer "No," which sometimes leads to complications.

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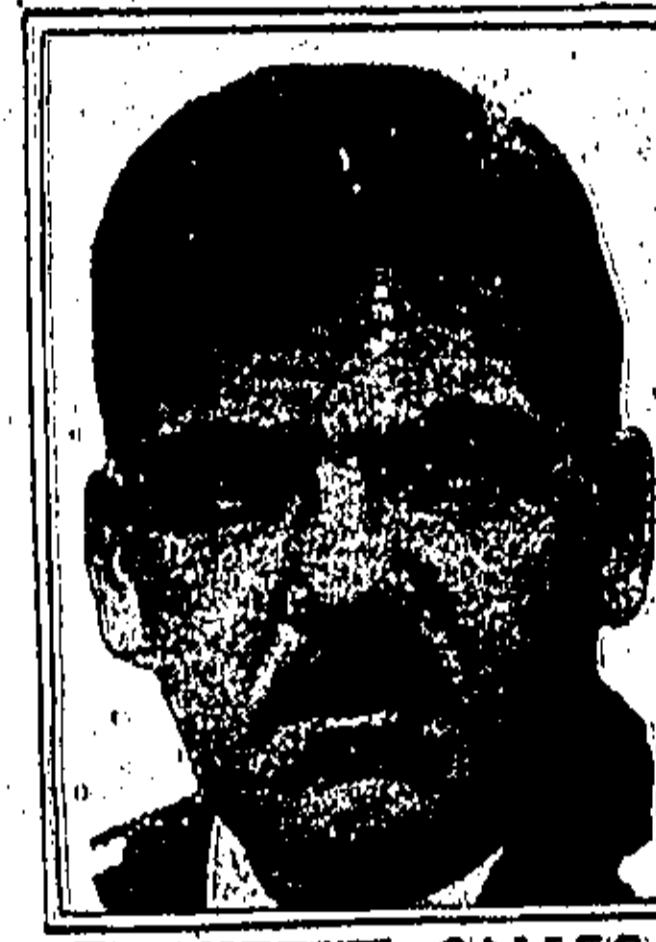
PRINCESS LIPII-LIPINSKI

Princess Lippi-Lipinski, the wife of a former page in the court of the late Czar of Russia, defended a suit for \$100,000 filed against her in New York by Mrs. Lydia Agnes Stover, who alleged that the Princess denied Mrs. Stover was her mother.



BARBARA HUTTON

Though she is too young to realize her good luck, Miss Barbara Hutton, of New York, the grandchild and heiress of Mrs. F. W. Woolworth, cleared \$1,000,000 profit when her guardians sold 50,000 shares of Woolworth stock just before the price dropped \$20 a share.



PRESIDENT CALLES



DONALD B. MACMILLAN

Ambassador Alanson B. Houghton was recalled from England to discuss the disarmament conference of the League of Nations. U.S. District Attorney A. E. Bernstein, of Cleveland, launched one of the biggest prohibition enforcement drives in the history of prohibition. President Calles, of Mexico, declared that his Government would continue to enforce the religious clauses of the Constitution which are causing the deportation of priests and nuns. Donald B. MacMillan, the explorer, declared that of eight polar expeditions this summer only Amundsen's would succeed.



DR. RUTH S. DAVIS

Dr. Ruth S. Davis, a young Brooklyn physician, passed the halfway mark in her thirty-day fast feeling very fit, wishing for some chocolates, but sustaining herself only on water.



JANE ADDAMS

MAJ. CHESTER P. MILLS



ARCHBISHOP CURLEY

ARCHBISHOP HANNA

Jane Addams, a Chicago social worker, who before going to Europe, declared that within two generations, the clamour against prohibition will have died down. Major Chester P. Mills has taken over the office of Prohibition Administration Director for New York city. Archbishop Curley, of Baltimore, and Archbishop Hanna, of San Francisco, may be made Cardinals according to reports from the Vatican.



GOVERNOR MOORE & TOMMY WAGGONER

A year ago Governor A. Harry Moore, of New Jersey, as chairman of the crippled children's committee of the Jersey City Elks, raised money to get medical attention for Tommy Waggoner, eight years of age, who seemed doomed to be a cripple. Tommy, the first day he was able to walk, took a train from Jersey City to Trenton to thank his benefactor.



BARONESS DE BRÉLESS

Baroness Alletta Lydia de Bréless, acclaimed to be the most beautiful woman in Switzerland last year, is travelling in the United States with her husband.



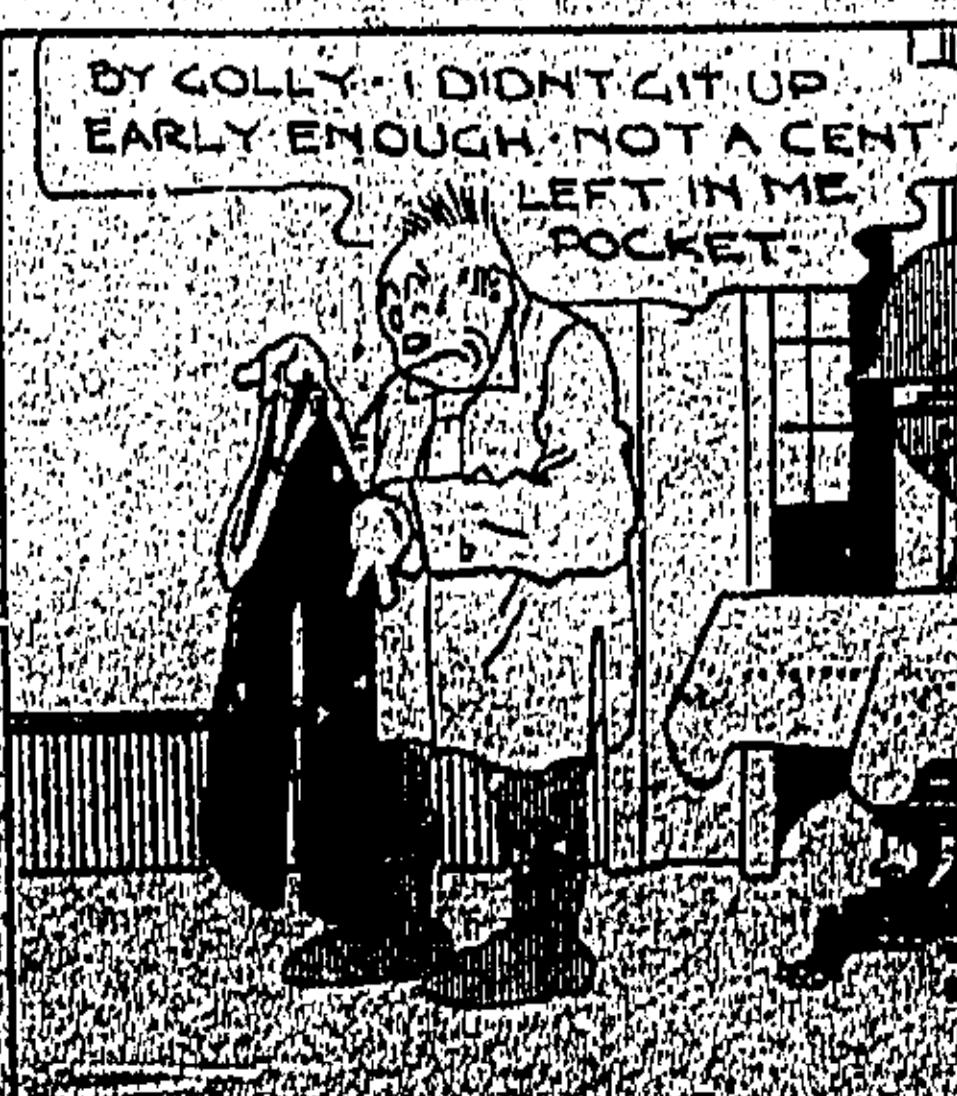
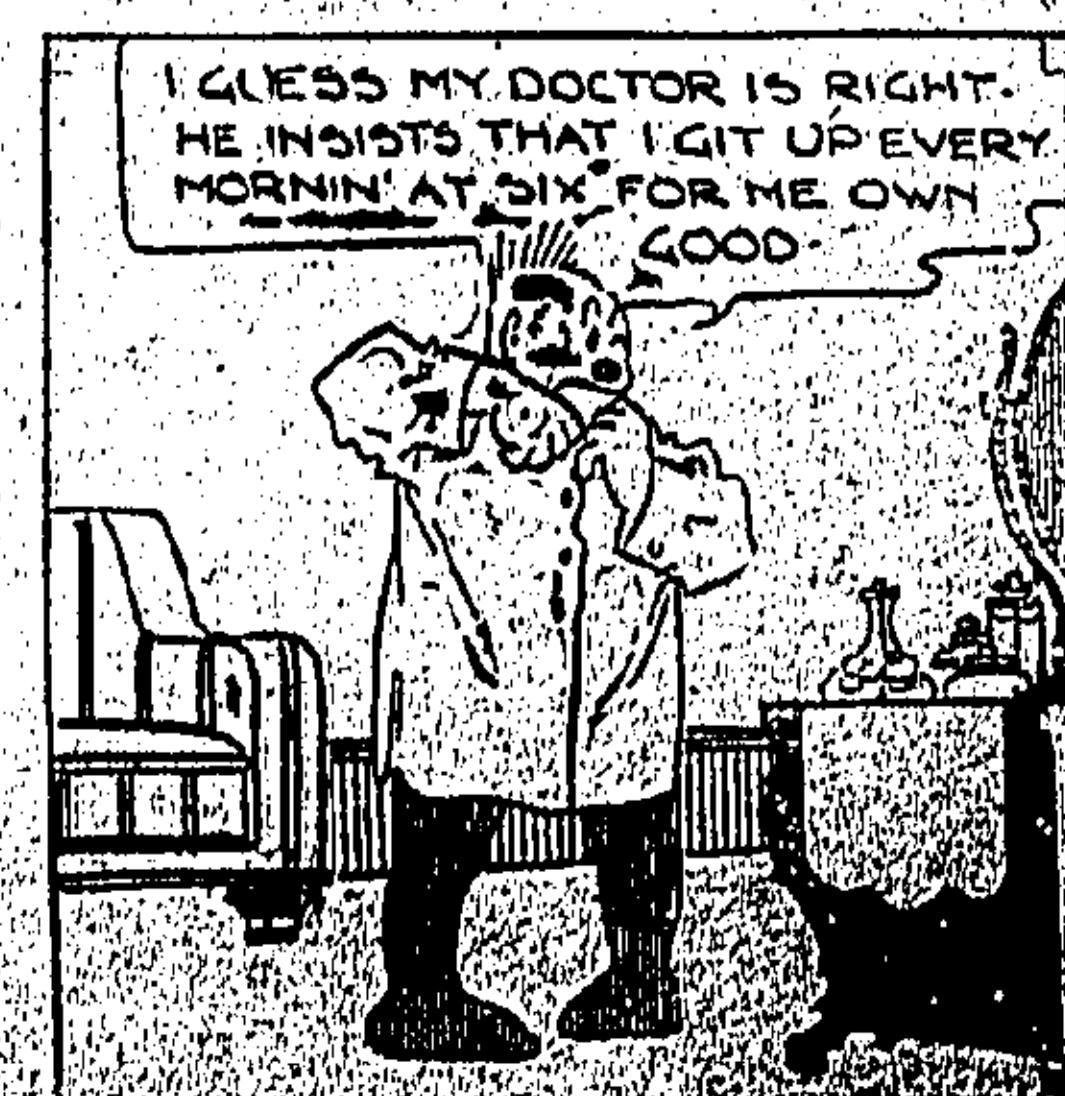
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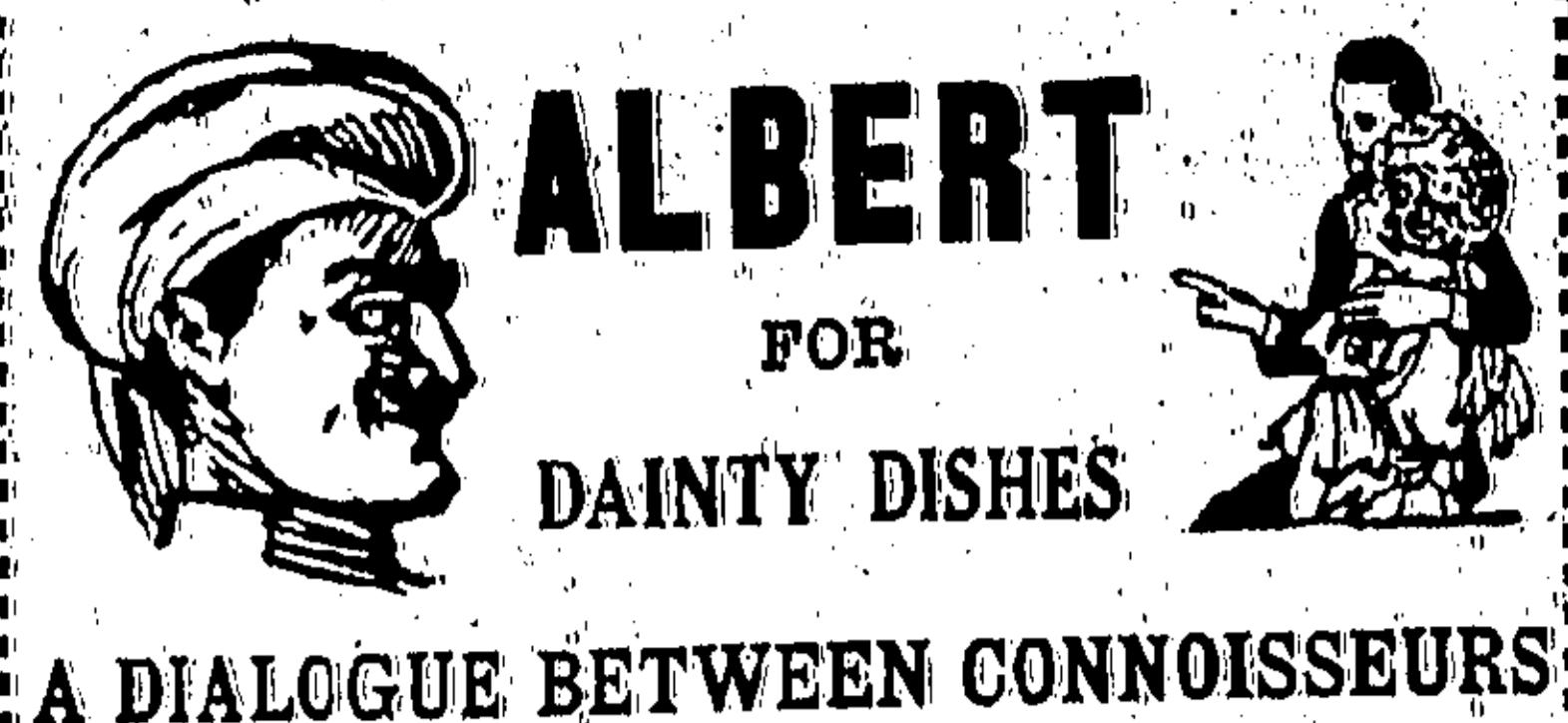


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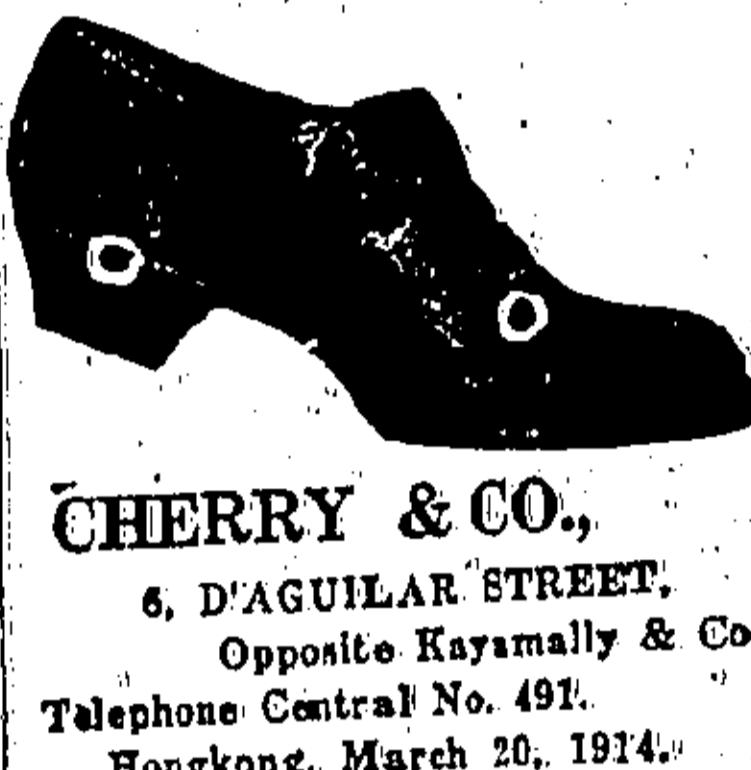


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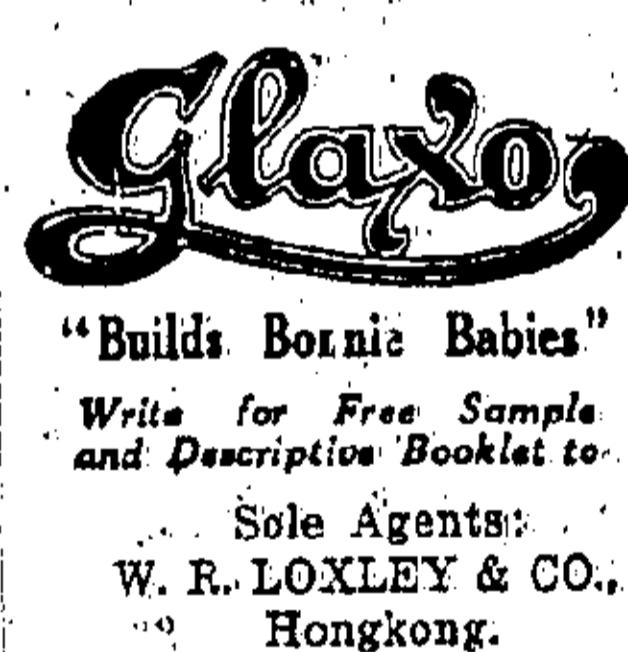
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INDIAN WIRELESS.

DIRECTOR PROCEEDING HOME ON LEAVE.

Delhi, April 7.
Commander Nicholson, Director of Wireless, who rendered meritorious services to the Government of India in promoting wireless, is proceeding on short leave. Preparatory to his retirement he makes a short tour of India. Before sailing home he visits Ceylon en route for business interests.

Mr. Edmund succeeds Commander Nicholson.—"Associated Press."

SIBERIAN ROUTE.

SHORTENED BY ONE DAY.

The International Sleeping Car Company's Harbin office have been advised by the Head Office of the concern that a new time-table has been introduced on the route Moscow-Warsaw, whereby the trip from the Far East to Western Europe will be shortened by exactly 24 hours.

Prior to the change of schedule passengers from the Far East arrived at Moscow on Tuesdays at 7 a.m. and left that city for Riga at 2.30 p.m., whence they continued their trip, arriving at Berlin on Friday at 9.30 a.m., at Paris on Saturday at 10.20, and at London on Saturday at 4.30 p.m.

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AIRCRAFT IN CHINA.

The aircraft carrier "Hermes," which was sent to China in July last, has now rejoined the Mediterranean Fleet. From the latest accounts of Celestial affairs, one cannot help thinking that she would have been very much more useful in Hongkong than in Malta. If it were asked in what part of the world the British Navy has most call to activity at the present day,

COVENT GARDEN.

PROPOSED REMOVAL OF THE MARKET.

APPLICATION FOR POWERS.

The directors of Beecham Estates Limited have decided to apply to Parliament for powers to remove Covent Garden Market to the site in Bloomsbury at present occupied by the Foundling Hospital, which is shortly being removed to the country. They claim that the requirements of the trade and the public can best be met by the erection of a completely new and more convenient market designed on modern lines, on a site of nearly nine acres, and capable of carrying about 150 shops, as against the fifty in Covent Garden to-day.

In connection with this market question, which does not affect Covent Garden alone, it may be mentioned that Sir John Baddeley announces that the Corporation is proceeding as rapidly as possible with the arrangement of Spitalfields Market, and that arrangements are being made to transfer the tenants of the demolished houses to new quarters in the neighbourhood of the King Edward Memorial Park at Shadwell.

According to those who are interested in the negotiations, the Soviet delegates in proposing an agreement on principles are aiming to single out certain articles which are most desirable and beneficial to them to be included in the agreement, leaving those which are not so urgently needed and beneficial to the Chinese aside indefinitely, thereby enabling them to gain their points. They are convinced that the conclusion of a formal Trade Agreement will place the Soviets in a disadvantageous position and give the Chinese more favourable terms than the present, which subject Chinese merchants in Russia under intolerable restrictions of the Soviet Government: If they can drive home their suggestion for an agreement, on principles only, by their clever diplomacy they may again play the game of obstructionists as soon as they succeed in obtaining what they most wanted. Their motives in insisting upon certain demands, such as the inclusion of some of the important points in the Trade Agreement into the Consular Agreement on the one hand and on the other declaring that they cannot proceed further pending instructions from Moscow, can be easily gauged.—"Kuo Wen."

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RUSSIA CLAIMS WRANGEL ISLAND.

Moscow, April 16.—Simultaneously with the arrival of the Amundsen-Ellsworth dirigible "Norge" in Leningrad, the Soviet Government issued a formal claim on all land between the northern coast of Siberia and the North Pole. It is understood that the island of Wrangel, claimed by the United States, is included in the Soviet's plot.

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SOVIET SUBTERFUGE.

SINO-RUSSIAN CONFERENCE.

Peking, April 1.

Though the Committee in charge of the Commercial Treaty of the Sino-Russian Conference has held several sessions, no result has yet been reached on account of the irreconcilable and dilatory attitude of the Russian Delegates, who insist on the right of the Soviet to purchase and own land in the interior and the granting of the privileges accorded to foreign Consuls to members of the Trade Bureau of the Soviet Commissars, and other unreasonable demands.

In spite of the effort of the Chinese delegates, they continue to dodge all important issues, thereby preventing a settlement, and finally suggest the conclusion of an agreement of principles first, leaving the details to be drafted later. In view of the significance and the insincerity of the Soviets, the Chinese delegates have not yet agreed to this.

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Amoy		10 a.m.
Straits		Kaying
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Wei Hai Wei		Tuhui
Haikow and Haiphong		Hukow
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Length: 50 feet, 2 inches.
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NOTICES.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

IT is proposed to hold a JUMBLE SALE on WEDNESDAY, May 5. Contributions of clothing, etc., will be gratefully received at the City Hall on MONDAY 26th, THURSDAY 29th and May 3rd, 4th and 5th at 11 a.m.

H. G. GOLDSMITH, for Hon. Treasurer, Hongkong Benevolent Society, Hongkong, 28th April, 1926.

EXHIBITION OF WATER COLOURS AT KOMOR & KOMOR, Alexandra Building.

This being the last exhibition in our present Art Room before removing to our new premises a special selection of pictures by the best Artists of Japan will be shown.

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ROYAL ARTILLERY ATHLETIC MEETING, 1926, to be held on the UNITED SERVICE RECREATION GROUND, KOWLOON, May 6th and 7th.

Open Event—7th May, timed for 3.10 p.m.

One Mile Flat Race—Open to Royal Navy, European Garrison (including H.K.V.D.C.) and Hongkong Police; British Residents.

Sports to commence at 2 p.m. each day.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1926.

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MONDAY, the 3rd May, 1926,
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Hongkong, 27th April, 1926.

NOTICES.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on TUESDAY, the 18th May, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1925.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 18th May, 1926, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents.

Hongkong, April 28, 1926.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders held on the 16th April, 1926, Messrs. NG CHO MING and CHENG SO alias CHENG SIN PO, had been appointed Managing Director, and Manager respectively.

No documents including cheques, etc., will hereafter be considered valid unless they are duly and jointly signed by NG CHO MING and CHENG SO.

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Hongkong, April 17, 1926.

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